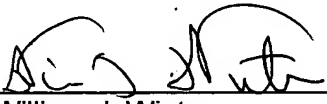


REMARKS

Applicants request entry of the amendments presented, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116, to remove issues for appeal and thus place their claims in better form for consideration by the board. Claims 1-29 remain in the application.

Claims 5, 6, 10, 11, 16, 17, 22, 23, 26, and 29 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for reciting the term "about" to modify numerical ranges. Upon entry of the amendments presented, these claims have been amended to delete each reference to the term "about". Applicants submit that the claims are now in compliance with 35 USC, 112. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

By 
William J. Winter
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 36,060

Ross Products Division of
ABBOTT LABORATORIES
Department 108140/S1
625 Cleveland Avenue
Columbus, OHIO 43215-1724
Phone (614) 624-5686; fax (614) 624-3074